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COLUMBIA HOME ECONOMICS ASSN. PROJECT

REFS: STATE A-10343 (1973), BRIDGETOWN 0617

FOR CU/IVP/MR

1. EMBASSY NOMINATES MRS. GERTRUDE EASTMOND, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY IN MINISTRY HEALTH AND WELFARE, TO PARTICIPATE IN SUBJECT PROJECT. SINCE POST'S IV ALLOCATION IS TOTALLY COMMITTED, NOMINATION FOR MRS. EASTMOND IS SUBMITTED WITH UNDERSTANDING THIS GRANT WILL BE FUNDED FROM WASHINGTON, AS EXPLAINED BY FRED HENNECKE OF CU/ARA DURING HIS RECENT VISIT HERE.

2. EMBASSY CONSIDERS MRS. EASTMOND TO BE UNIQUELY QUALIFIED FOR THIS PROJECT SINCE SHE MORE THAN MEETS ALL QUALIFICATIONS DESCRIBED IN REPAIR. AS ONLY WOMAN ELECTED TO BARBADOS HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY AND AS SECOND MOST IMPORTANT LEADER IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE (AFTER THE MINISTER) SHE HOLDS POSITION OF BOTH POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFLUENCE SUFFICIENT TO TRANSLATE EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROJECT INTO CURRENT AND NEW PROGRAMS HERE. IN ADDITION, MRS. EASTMOND, WHO IS AROUND 40, IS EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE AND CHARMING WOMAN WHO IS ALSO MOTHER OF 6 AND OBVIOUSLY HIGHLY INTERESTED IN IMPROVING FAMILY LIVING HERE. A BUSINESS WOMAN IN HER OWN RIGHT, SHE IS ALSO ARTICULATE AND OUTGOING.

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3. MRS. EASTMOND WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL UNTIL APPROXIMATELY JUNE 22. PLEASE ADVISE CONCERNING APPROVAL OF

NOMINATION AND TRAVEL DATE.

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